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The Most Serene and Mighty PRINCE

CHARLES II.

By the Grace of God,

King of *Great Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*,

Defender of the Christian Faith, *&c.*

AND

The Most Illustrious LORDS,

The *Bashaw*, *Dai*, *Aga*, and Governours of the famous City and Kingdom of

ALGIERS,

Concluded by Sir *Edw. Spragge* Knight, Admiral of His Majesties Fleet in the *Mediterranean*, *Novemb.* 29. Old Stile, 1671.

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ARTICLES of PEACE and COMMERCE between the most Serene and Mighty Prince CHARLES *the Second, by the Grace of God King of* Great Britain, France, *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Christian Faith*, &c. *and the most Illustrious Lords, the* Bashaw, Dai, Aga, *and Governours of the famous City and Kingdom of* Algiers.

There shall be a firm Peace between the K. of England & Governors of Algier, their Subjects & Dominions.

Artic. I.

IN the first place it is Agreed and Concluded, That from this day and for ever forward, there be a true, firm, and inviolable Peace between the most Serene King of of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Christian Faith, *&c.* and the most Illustrious Lords, the *Bashaw*, *Dai*, *Aga*, and

Governours of the City and Kingdom of *Algiers*, and between all the Dominions and Subjects of either Side; and that the Ships, or other Vessels, and the Subjects and People of both Sides, shall not henceforth do to each other any harm, offence or injury, either in word or deed; but shall treat one another with all possible Respect and Friendship.

The English may freely trade in Algiers, paying their Goods ten p. Cent. & such Goods as they shall not sell they may freely carry away without paying Customes.

II. That any of the Ships or other Vessels belonging to the said King of *Great Britain*, or to any of His Majesties Subjects, may safely come to the Port of *Algiers*, or to any other Port or Place of that Kingdom, there freely to Buy and Sell, paying the usual Customs of Ten *per Cent.* as in former times, for such Goods as they sell; and the Goods they sell not, they shall freely carry on Board, without paying any Duties for the same; and that they shall freely depart from thence whensoever they please, without any stop or hinderance whatsoever.

III. That all Ships and other Vessels, as well those belonging to the said King of *Great Britain*, or to any of His Majesties Subjects, as those belonging to the Kingdom or People of *Algiers*, shall freely pass the Seas, and Traffick without any search, hinderance, or molestation

station from each other; and that all Persons or Passengers of what Countrey soever, and all Moneys, Goods, Merchandises, and Moveables, to whatsoever People or Nation belonging, being on Board of any of the said Ships or Vessels, shall be wholly free, and shall not be stopped, taken, nor plundred, nor receive any harm or damage whatsoever from either Party.

all Passengers & Goods on board any Vessells of England or Algier shall not be taken or molested.

IV.

That the *Algiers* Ships of War, or other Vessels, meeting with any Merchant-ships or other Vessels of His said Majesties Subjects, not being in any of the Seas appertaining to His Majesties Dominions, may send on Board one single Boat with two Sitters onely, besides the ordinary Crew of Rowers; and that no more shall enter any such Merchant-ship or Vessel without express Leave from the Commander thereof, but the two Sitters alone; and that upon producing to them a Pass under the Hand and Seal of the Lord High-Admiral of *England*, the said Boat shall presently depart, and the Merchant-ship or Vessel shall proceed freely on her Voyage. And although the said Commander of the Merchant-ship or Vessel, produce no Pass from the Lord High-Admiral of *England*; yet if the major part of the Seamen of the said Ship or Vessel, be Subjects to the said King of *Great Britain*,

The Algerine Ships of War, meeting an English Merchant man in any Seas not appertaining to his Ma^{ty}, may send Sitters on Board him, who having seen a Pass signed by ye Admiral of England or otherwise finding that ye major part of the Ship's Company are his Ma^{ty}'s Subjects, shall permit the Ship freely to proceed in their Voyage. The like shall be observed by his Ma^{ty}'s Ships of War towards the Merchant men of Algiers.

Britain, the said Boat shall presently depart, and the said Merchant-ship or Vessel shall proceed freely on her Voyage: And any of the Ships of War, or other Vessels of His said Majesty, meeting with any Ships or other Vessels of *Algiers*, if the Commander of any such *Algier* Ship or Vessel shall produce a Pass firmed by the chief Governours of *Algiers*, and a Certificate from the *English* Consul living there; or if they have no such Pass or Certificate, yet if the major part of their Ships Company be Turks, Moors, or Slaves belonging to *Algiers*, then the said *Algier* Ship or Vessel shall proceed freely.

No Commander shall take any his Ma^{ty}'s Subjects to be examined, nor use any violence towards them.

V. That no Commander, or other person of any Ship or Vessel of *Algiers*, shall take out of any Ship or Vessel of His said Majesties Subjects, any person or persons whatsoever, to carry them any where to be examined, or upon any other pretence; nor shall they use any torture or violence to any person, of what Nation or Quality soever, being on Board any Ship or Vessel of His Majesties Subjects, upon any pretence whatsoever.

VI. That no Shipwrack belonging to the said King of *Great Britain*, or to any of His Majesties

sties Subjects, upon any part of the Coast belonging to *Algiers*, shall be made or become Prize; and that neither the Goods thereof shall be seized, nor the Men made Slaves; but that all the Subjects of *Algiers* shall do their best endeavours to save the said Men and their Goods.

The Subjects of Algiers shall use their best endeavours to save Men & Goods of any English ship that shall suffer wreck upon their Coast.

VII.

That no Ship, nor any other Vessel of *Algiers*, shall have permission to be delivered up, or to go to *Sally*, or any other place in Enmity with the said King of *Great Britain*, to be made use of as *Corsairs* or Sea-rovers against His said Majesties Subjects.

No Vessell of Algiers shall be permitted to serve as a Corsair against his Ma^ty Subjects,

VIII.

That none of the Ships, or other smaller Vessels of *Algiers*, shall remain cruising near His said Majesties City and Garrison of *Tangier*, or in sight of it, nor any other way disturb the Peace and Commerce of that place.

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IX.

That if any Ship or Vessel of *Tunis*, *Tripoli*, or *Sally*, or of any other place, bring any Ships, Vessels, Men or Goods belonging to any of His said Majesties Subjects, to *Algiers*, or to any Port or Place in that Kingdom, the Governours there shall not permit them to be sold within the Territories of *Algiers*.

If any ship of Tunis shall bring any English ship to Algiers, the Governors shall not permit the to be sold.

X. That

English Ships of War may freely bring to & sell their Prizes at Algiers without being obliged to pay Customes, & may furnish themselves with Provitions at ye Market-price

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That if any of the Ships of War of the said King of *Great Britain*, do come to *Algiers*, or to any other Port or Place of that Kingdom, with any Prize, they may freely sell it, or otherwise dispose of it at their own pleasure, without being molested by any; And that His Majesties said Ships of War shall not be obliged to pay Customs in any sort; and that if they shall want Provisions, Victuals, or any other things, they may freely buy them at the Rates in the Market.

Upon notice given, that any English Ships of War are arrived before Algiers, publick Proclamation shall be made to secure ye Christian Captives, after which, if any escape, they shall not be required back again, nor shall any thing be demanded or payd for them

XI.

That when any of His said Majesties Ships of War shall appear before *Algiers*, upon notice thereof given by the *English* Consul, or by the Commander of the said Ships, to the chief Governous of *Algiers*, publick Proclamation shall be immediately made to secure the Christian Captives; and if after that any Christians whatever make their escape on Board any of the said Ships of War, they shall not be required back again; nor shall the said Consul or Commander, or any other His Majesties Subjects, be obliged to pay any thing for the said Christians.

XII.

That all the Subjects of the said King of

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Great Britain, now Captives in *Algiers*, or in any of the Territories thereof, shall be set at Liberty, and delivered upon paying the Price they were first sold for in the Market; And that for the time to come no Subjects of His said Majesty shall be bought or sold, or made Slaves in any part of the Kingdom of *Algiers*.

XIII.

That if any Subject of the said King of *Great Britain* happen to die in *Algiers*, or its Territories, his Goods or Moneys shall not be seized by the Governours, or any Minister of *Algiers*, but shall all remain with the *English* Consul.

XIV.

That neither the *English* Consul, nor any other Subject of the said King of *Great Britain*, shall be bound to pay the Debts of any other of His Majesties Subjects, except that they become Sureties for the same by a publick Act.

XV.

That the Subjects of His said Majesty in *Algiers*, or its Territories, in matter of Controversie, shall be liable to no other Jurisdiction, but that of the *Dai* or *Duan*, except they happen to be at difference between themselves, in which case they shall be liable to no other Determination but that of the Consul onely.

If any Englishman shall wound or kill a Turk or Moor, he shall be punished as a Turk ought to be for that Crime, but if he escape no Englishman shall be questioned therefore.

XVI.

That in case any Subject of His said Majesty, being in any part of the Kingdom of *Algiers*, happen to strike, wound, or kill a Turk or a Moor, if he be taken, he is to be punished in the same manner, and with no greater severity then a Turk ought to be, being guilty of the same Offence; but if he escape, neither the said *English* Consul, nor any other of His said Majesties Subjects, shall be in any sort questioned and troubled therefore.

The English Consul shall be secure in his Person & Estate, shall chuse his own Druggerman; go on Board any Ship in the Road, have Liberty of the Country, & be allowed a Place to pray in.

XVII.

That the *English* Consul, now or at any time hereafter living in *Algiers*, shall be there at all times with entire freedom and safety of his Person and Estate; and shall be permitted to choose his own Druggerman and Broker, and freely to go on Board any Ships in the Road as often and when he pleases, and to have the Liberty of the Countrey, and that he shall be allowed a place to pray in, and that no man shall do him any injury in word or deed.

In case of a Breach, English may freely depart from Algiers, upon any Ship of what Nation soever, carry with them their Goods, Families & Servants.

XVIII.

That not onely during the continuance of this Peace and Friendship, but likewise if any Breach or War happen to be hereafter between the said King of *Great Britain* and the Kingdom of *Algiers*, the said *English* Consul, and all others

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His ſaid Majeſties Subjects inhabiting in the Kingdom of *Algiers*, ſhall always, and at all times both of Peace and War, have full and abſolute Liberty to depart, and go to their own or any other Countrey, upon any Ship or Veſſel of what Nation ſoever they ſhall think fit; and to carry with them all their Eſtates, Goods, Families and Servants, without any interruption or hinderance.

XIX.

That no Subject of His ſaid Majeſty, being a Paſſenger from or unto any Port, ſhall be any way mo'eſted or medd'ed with, although he be on Board any Ship or Veſſel in Enmity with *Algiers*.

XX.

That preſently after the Signing and Sealing of theſe Articles by the *Baſhaw*, *Day*, and Governours of the Kingdom of *Algiers*, all injuries and damages ſuſtained on either part, ſhall be quite taken away and forgotten: And this Peace ſhall be in full force and vertue, and continue for ever: And for all depredations and damages that ſhall be afterwards committed or done by either ſide before notice can be given of this Peace, full ſatisfaction ſhall be immediately made, and whatſoever remains in kind, ſhall be inſtantly reſtored.

XXI. That

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The Peace shall not be broken, until Satisfacon for Injuryes be denyed, & who soever shall breake it, shall be punished wth present death.

XXI. That whensoever it shall happen hereafter, that any thing is done or committed by the Ships or Subjects of either side, contrary to any of these Articles, satisfaction being demanded therefore, shall be made to the full, and without any manner of delay; and that it shall not be Lawful to break this Peace, until such satisfaction be denied. And Our Faith shall be Our Faith, and Our Word Our Word; and whosoever shall be the cause of the breaking of this Peace, shall assuredly be punished with present Death.

Confirmed and Sealed in the presence of Almighty God, the 29th. *of* November *Old Style, and the Year of our Lord* Jesus Christ, 1671. *being the* 7th. *day of the Moon of* Shaban, *and the Year of the* Hegira, 1082.

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Upon redemption of English Captives, 12½ ℔ shall be abated for each of them for Port-Charges

It is further agreed, That when the Subjects of the said King of *Great Britain*, Captives in the Kingdom of *Algiers*, shall be redeemed, the Sum of Twelve pieces of Eight and a half for each of them, shall be abated and cut off from the Port Charges, usually paid in freeing of Slaves.

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